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Snow gets set to blow

WEATHER

Meteorologist warns drivers of bad visibility



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

The snow that started coming down early Wednesday will keep falling, but more troublesome than the snow is the accompanying wind, according to Environment Canada.

Warning preparedness meteorologist John Paul Cragg said roughly eight centimetres of the white stuff had fallen by mid-afternoon Wednesday, and there may be 10 to 20 centimetres total by Thursday morning.

"The only thing on the horizon that could complicate things really is the winds, which will be picking up (Wednesday night)," he said, adding that winds fore-

casted at 40 km/h may be gusting up to 60 km/h through Thursday.

"With that wind and the snow-fall there will be some blowing, drifting snow.... It doesn't seem like a huge issue but it could reduce visibility at times on roadways in open areas."

Manitoba Public Insurance spokesman Brian Smiley said there had been 530 accident claims as of 4 p.m. Wednesday, and he expects that number to "nudge up to 700" by Thursday morning.

"Which is a normal winter day," he said. "A bad winter day is more than 1,000 collision claims."

The snow cancelled some rural classes Wednesday and nine teenagers were sent to hospital after a bus collided with an SUV on St. Anne's Road. No one was seriously hurt.

The City of Winnipeg said Wednesday and Thursday's snow-clearing efforts would cost \$1 million.

RUFF TIME AT THE AIRPORT?

Therapy dogs will be there to take the edge off
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Clark is one of the new furry faces you'll see at the Winnipeg airport. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

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IN BRIEF

Paterson pairs with Urban Circle Training Centre

The Urban Circle Training Centre has received the single largest donation in the organization's history.

Local entrepreneur Andrew Paterson and his family donated \$1 million to establish the Paterson First Nation Apprenticeship Fund.

The fund will encourage men and women who have completed the Urban Circle Training Centre's high school certificate program.

Those people can then apply for financial assistance while furthering their education in a qualified trade.

A similar fund has been established in Paterson's name based out of Kenora, Ont. The new Winnipeg-based fund follows the same model, the organization said. **METRO**

Winnipeg ERs still have the longest wait times

New data shows Winnipeg hospitals still have the longest emergency room wait times in Canada.

The Canadian Institute for Health Information says Winnipeg's six emergency rooms all came in below average on the time it takes 90 per cent of patients to see a doctor after they check into an emergency room.

The average for the Winnipeg Health Region as a whole is 5.7 hours compared to the Canadian average of 3.1 hours. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Nuburger renaming the Donald burger

TRUMP

Co-owners holding a contest to find a new name



Elisha Dacey
Metro | Winnipeg

A Winnipeg restaurant says it no longer wants its most decadent burger associated with Donald Trump.

Nuburger says it is holding a contest to rename The Donald Burger, thanks to recent comments by U.S. Republican leadership front-runner Donald Trump.

"Since Day 1, we've had a burger on our menu named 'The Donald'," restaurant representatives wrote on Facebook. "This burg (sic) features Bothwell cheddar cheese, sauteed mushrooms, truffle aioli, balsamic onions, tomato and lettuce tossed in a black currant-shiraz reduction." "It represents indulgence and thought we'd name it appropriately... The Donald."

"All joking aside, we knew Donald Trump was an arrogant ignorant joke and we named the burger after him to get a laugh! We didn't know until now the extent of his disturbing, bigoted, fascist and misogynist ideologies. Now we absolutely want NO association with his name in any



Suggestions for a new name can be made on the Nuburger Facebook page. **NUBURGER/HANDOUT**



We just want to wipe our hands clean of the man.

Kyle Matheson

way shape or form. Donald... you're fired!"

Trump has come under fire in recent weeks for comments made about Muslims and has proposed banning Muslims from entering the United States.

The comments brought worldwide condemnation and even an invite from Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman for Trump to visit the CMHR to learn "compassion and tolerance for others."

Nuburger co-owners Kyle Matheson and Marc Priestley said the burger is one of their top sellers, but the name just didn't work any more.

"We just want to wipe our hands clean of the man," said Matheson, adding a couple of customers did talk to him about the name recently. "We didn't want

it to be a political statement, we just don't want to do anything with the man."

To that end, Matheson said they're turning a negative into a positive and a couple of new name suggestions have already caught his eye. They include The Wellington, The Golden Boy and The Ron Burgundy. "That one made me chuckle."

The contest ends Saturday and suggestions can be made on the Nuburger Facebook page. The winner receives a \$50 gift certificate.

SKIPTHEDISHES

Company to add 550 jobs

A Winnipeg success story is about to get a whole lot bigger.

SkipTheDishes, in partnership with the province, unveiled a plan to recruit and train 550 new people to do technology-based jobs.

"We have a surfeit of talent here," said Premier Greg Selinger.

"We're supporting SkipTheDishes in acquiring employees... We're going to be investing about \$5.5 million as they roll out 550 new jobs over three years."

SkipTheDishes' CEO, Josh Simair, said his company is looking to recruit world-class people from any background, and referred to it as the Goldman Sachs approach.

"We take world-class people from any background, and we teach them technology," said Simair.

Simair used a world-class dart player as an example, saying, "Okay, we see you have talent here, let's introduce you to technology and apply your talent here."

Simair said SkipTheDishes finds success by enabling delivery service in low-population cities that don't have the on demand service offered in bigger cities.

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TALL ORDER JETS SPREAD CHEER Winnipeg Jets' Tyler Myers hands a poster to 12-year-old Luke Armbruster Wednesday at the Manitoba FASD Centre. The poster features a life-size image of Myers and a height chart going all the way up to six feet, eight inches. Several Jets players spent the day at the centre as part of their annual holiday visit, and spread some holiday cheer. EVAN MATTHEWS/FOR METRO

Help sometimes wears a furry coat

THERAPY DOGS

'Warm and welcoming' program rolls out at airport

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Sometimes, travelling can get a little hairy.

But a new partnership between the Winnipeg Airports Authority and St. John Ambulance will see therapy dogs help people hit "paws" in their busy days at the Winnipeg airport, as early as Friday.

Lisa Patterson, the airport authority's manager of customer experience, said the dogs will help create a "warm and welcoming environment for guests."

"For travellers a little anxious or nervous about flying, visiting a trained dog may be just what is needed to calm and

ease those fears," she said of the therapy dog program announced Wednesday.

Deborah Pethrick has been handling therapy dogs for six years — mostly at schools — but she and her dog Clark jumped at the opportunity to be assigned the airport.

"I love meeting new people, so what better place to (do that) than at the airport?" she said. "Frustrated flyers, anxious flyers, for them it's been a long day, bags are lost, it will be like 'Ah, there's a dog. I'll pet the dog.'"

Clark's shift will last roughly 90 minutes to start. There are 30 therapy dogs assigned

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Ah, there's a dog. I'll pet the dog.

Deborah Pethrick describes people's response when they encounter therapy dogs

to the airport, but Patterson expects the demand and number of dogs to increase with time.

Chelsea Obsniuk and her Italian greyhound, Sarge, are newer to the job at just six months in.

They've visited care homes, flu clinics, universities and mental health workshops.

But the airport is "a really good fit."

"Sarge really likes visiting with the public in general, kids in particular," Obsniuk said.

"It's going to be great for us to come here and hang out with people to help relieve the anxiety that goes along with travelling, especially for families."

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Winnipeg is one of **five Canadian airports** to offer visitors therapy dogs. The others are in Halifax, Regina, Saskatoon and Thunder Bay.

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- Dr. Estelle Simons and Dr. Jim Davie were elected to the Royal Society of Canada; the country's most esteemed association of scholars and scientists.
- Seven of our researchers received funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.
- Our facility welcomed 13 summer students to work in the labs of our researchers this summer. These future researchers are making a difference in the research happening today.
- Dr. Meghan Azad was one of the recipients of the Bruce Squires Award. The award is presented each year to the authors of a research article that promotes high standards of reporting and evidence-based medicine.
- Dr. Terry Klassen and Dr. Carolyn Snider received awards from the Canadian Association of Emergency Physicians. Dr. Klassen was awarded the inaugural Dr. Marilyn Li Pediatric Emergency Medicine Leadership Award while Dr. Snider received the Dr. Alan Drummond Advocacy Award.
- Dr. Cheryl Rockman-Greenberg was awarded a partners in Research Biomedical Science Ambassador Award.
- Dr. Jon McGavock received an Applied Public Health Chair funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). The Chair focuses on Resilience and Childhood Obesity to promote healthier lifestyles and combat obesity and Type 2 diabetes in First Nations youth.
- Our Clinical Research Unit continues to be a vital and growing component of the Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba. In 2015 members of the Clinical Research Unit were involved in 47 research studies in a number of research areas including concussion, inflammatory bowel disease, pediatric emergency care, and early kidney disease in youth with Type 2 diabetes.

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Reserve to get critical road

INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

'Freedom Road' to Shoal Lake 40 First Nation nears reality

A reserve under one of the country's longest boil-water advisories is expected to get formal word Thursday that it will get a lifeline to the outside world after decades of living in virtual isolation.

All three levels of government are to officially announce their commitment to build an all-weather road to connect the Shoal Lake 40 First Nation to the mainland.

The reserve on the Manitoba-Ontario boundary was cut off a century ago during construction of an aqueduct which carries fresh water to Winnipeg. Surveyors said at the time that the land was largely uninhabited "with the exception of a few Indians."

While water continues to flow to the Manitoba capital, the reserve of several hundred people has been under a boil-water advisory for 18 years.

Chief Erwin Redsky said most residents are expected to gather



Shoal Lake 40 First Nation resident Ashley Green carries a 20-litre water container. The all-weather road will help connect the isolated community — under a boil-water advisory for 18 years — to the rest of the country. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

at the Manitoba legislature — along with Canada's new indigenous affairs minister, the Manitoba premier and a Winnipeg official — to witness what he called a historic day.

"We're very excited," Redsky said. "It will be just an amazing feeling when that day comes,

when we actually can drive 365 days a year right to our doorway.

"It's just the first step to the road of reconciliation."

Residents say the "Freedom Road" is both a symbolic and concrete beginning to right the wrong done a century ago.

Redsky said it will also save

lives. People who live on the reserve use a treacherous ice road in the winter and people have died falling through the ice.

The former Conservative government refused to commit to help fund construction of a road,

despite willingness by the province and the city to split the cost

three ways.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Carolyn Bennett said the new federal Liberal government believes building the road is an example of "the kinds of steps you have to take to right the wrongs."

"This is a serious commitment and it will happen," she said in an interview with The Canadian Press.

"So many of these issues are no longer indigenous issues. These are Canadian issues about our values and principles and how we can go forward in a good way."

A design study — paid for by the federal, provincial and municipal governments — is expected to be completed in January. The reserve is hoping to begin construction shortly thereafter.

The road is expected to cost about \$30 million, which is to be divided between the federal, provincial and municipal governments. Premier Greg Selinger called the road a "key infrastructure project."

"We've been talking about it for a long time," he told a luncheon this week. "That will get built now." THE CANADIAN PRESS

POLITICS

Manitoba Liberals' rent freeze pledge ill-informed, says landlord group

Manitoba Liberal Leader Rana Bokhari is promising to freeze rents across the province if she becomes premier.

Bokhari says a Liberal government would forbid rent increases in 2017 and 2018 to give renters a chance to catch up with housing costs that have risen sharply in recent years.

She says the freeze would apply to high-end units as well as those under rent-control guidelines. The only exception would be in cases where a new tenant took over a unit.

A landlord group says the Liberal plan is ill-informed and surprising.

The Professional Property Managers Association says its members face rising utility costs and need money to repair and maintain units.

The group says it is already well-regulated by the province and must adhere to strict guidelines and limits on rental increases.

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ROAD SAFETY

Police, students stage play on dangers of impaired driving



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

It's the season for Christmas concerts, but for the third year in a row drama students at Oak Park High School have put a public-service announcement on the stage.

The 45-minute play performed for about 100 students Wednesday debunked the myth that impaired driving is exclusive to alcohol consumption, and both police representatives and Manitoba Public Insurance spoke to the facts about "drug driving."

"I think it would be naive to think drivers out there aren't indulging in illegal drugs or even consuming prescription drugs," said MPI spokesperson Brian Smiley. "What we did today is raise awareness among a fairly young age group, trying to send them a message those behaviours are very dangerous."

The Oak Park performance focused on driving after marijuana use, and highlighted risks of serious charges and death.

In the brief play, a group of students going to a party is convinced by a friend that cops can't detect marijuana use, and

boasts it actually makes him a better driver.

One of the students is pulled over and fails a roadside sobriety test. Another car with two young girls who had used the drug doesn't make it to the party after being involved in a head-on collision.

"When people think of impaired driving they think of booze, but drug driving is becoming more and more popular," Smiley said to the students. "Drug driving is not a good thing to do, it's illegal, and it could potentially kill you."

In a prepared statement,

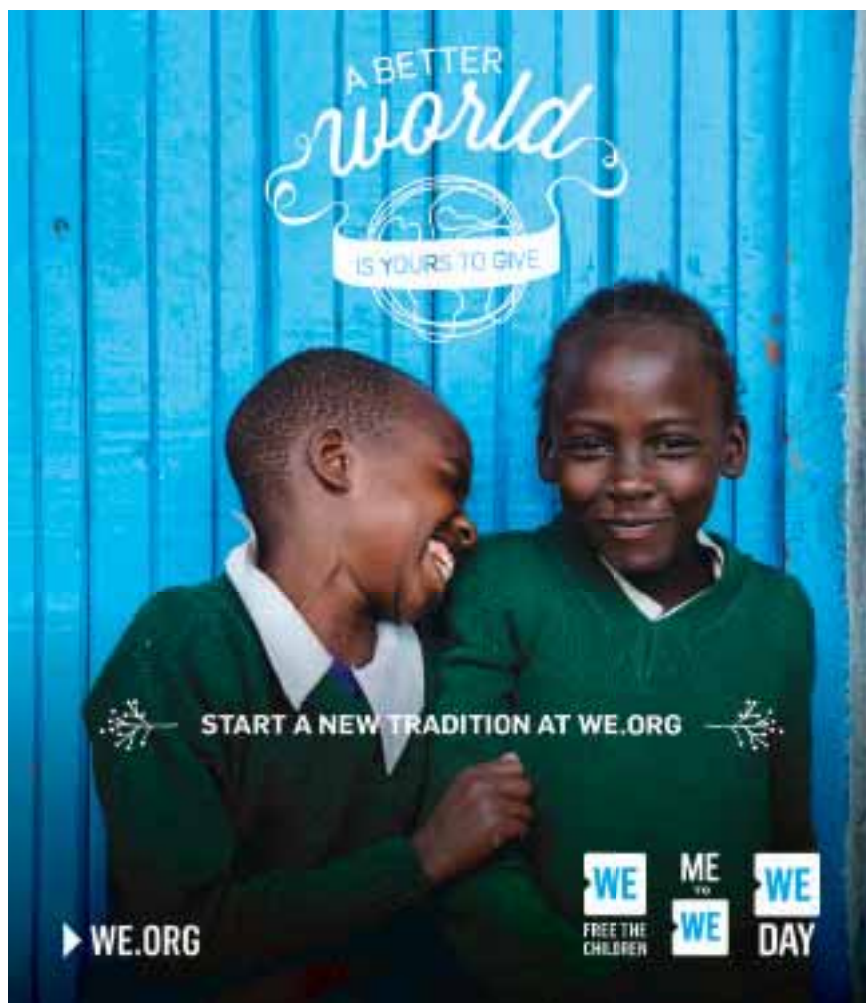
MPI references evidence compiled by the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse that shows marijuana impairs a driver by slowing reaction time and reducing short-term memory and concentration.

Earlier this month, police in Manitoba were given the ability to levy stiffer roadside penalties with the new Safer Roads Act coming into force.

Roadside licence suspension for drunk and drug-impaired driving increased to three days from 24 hours, and to seven days if there is a person under 16 years old in the vehicle.



A student and police constable perform during the school's drama-infused PSA about driving on drugs. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO



Word almost scuttles deal

PARIS CONVENTION

Canadian apologizes for error in document

A single one-syllable, five-letter word almost scuttled the Paris climate deal, and it was a Canadian who, literally, had to sit in front of the world and sort it out at the 11th hour.

Not to mention apologize for an error the United States would never accept if allowed to stand.

The apology came from Winnipeg-born Richard Kinley. Previously an official with the Canadian government, Kinley is second-in-command to Christiana Figueres, executive secretary to the United Nations-led Framework Convention on Climate Change.

This means Kinley manages the UN's climate shop, including the behind-the-scenes machinery that led to the final Paris text — version L9 — which carried the following contentious line: “Developed



Clockwise from left: French Foreign Minister and COP21 President Laurent Fabius with United Nations General Secretary of the Climate Convention Christiana Figueres, COP21 General Secretary Pierre-Henri Guignard and UN Deputy Executive Secretary of the Climate Change Secretariat Richard Kinley, during COP21, on Dec. 2. ERIC FEFERBERG/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

country parties shall continue taking the lead by undertaking economy-wide absolute emission reduction targets.”

The problem word is “shall.” In international law, that seemingly benign word creates a

legally binding commitment. But, such obligations require Senate approval in the U.S. — at least as they relate to emissions targets. If the “shall” were allowed to stay, there would be no chance U.S. President Barack

Obama could secure domestic support for the agreement.

Republicans in the Senate would vote it down, and the Paris climate change deal would fall apart.

When U.S. Secretary of State



Richard Kinley
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

John Kerry first saw the sentence he was taken aback, telling a reporter: “We cannot do this and we will not do this.”

There were two options: reopen the text for further revision, which risked having other countries step forward with other demands, or admit the mistake — in front of delegates from 196 countries.

The latter option was chosen, and it was Kinley who had to break the news that the word “shall” in Article 4, Paragraph 4 was the wrong word. It needed to be changed to “should.”

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NORTH KOREA

Officials ask to see Lim

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau expressed “tremendous concern” at the life sentence handed to a Canadian pastor in North Korea on Wednesday, saying consular officials would work to stand up for his rights.

Hyeon Soo Lim, who pastors the Light Korean Presbyterian Church west of Toronto, was sentenced to life in prison with hard labour by North Korea's Supreme Court for what it called crimes against the state.

Trudeau noted that Canadian consular officials have not been allowed to see Lim since his detention began early this year apart from during the 90-minute trial that ended with his sentencing.

“We have tremendous concern about it,” he said. “The issues of North Korea's governance and judicial system are well known. We certainly hope to be able to engage with this individual and stand up for his rights.” Trudeau said consular officials would be pressing North Korean authorities for access to Lim. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Trudeau meets with indigenous leaders

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau confesses he can't compel an apology from the Pope for the role of the Catholic Church in Canada's residential school system. But Trudeau says he looks forward to raising the matter with the pontiff. Trudeau met for more than two hours on Wednesday with leaders from five indigenous organizations, capping a week that saw the Truth and Reconciliation Commission deliver its report on the legacy of residential schools.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Black endorses Trump in National Review

Donald Trump hasn't received too many ringing endorsements from famous conservative elites — but he's just received praise from one Canadians know well. Conrad Black has penned a piece titled, “Trump Is The Good Guy,” for the conservative National Review. The Republican establishment is reportedly so mortified by the prospect Trump might win its party nomination it's angling for the first brokered convention in decades.

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Q&A

3 takeaways from Trudeau's town hall



Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau took questions from journalists and the public at an hour-long town hall hosted by Maclean's Magazine at the National Arts Centre Wednesday. Here are three notable moments from his Q&A.

1 CF-18s

Trudeau said U.S. President Barack Obama hasn't asked him to reconsider his pledge to withdraw Canada's CF-18 fighter jets from the fight against ISIL. “He didn't ask me to keep those in, nor would I have kept them in if he had asked me.”

2 Donald Trump

Asked about Donald Trump's politics, Trudeau shied away from commenting directly on U.S. politics. But without mentioning Trump's name, he slammed “the politics of intolerance and hateful rhetoric.”

3 Charm offensive

Trudeau was asked about his charm offensive since taking office, such as posing in Vogue Magazine. “It's not about image. It's about substance,” he said. “That's what so many of my political opponents haven't understood.” He said serving Canadians well means listening to them and engaging in “real conversations.” It also means talking to a broad range of publications.



Prime Minister Justin Trudeau participates in a town hall meeting in Ottawa on Wednesday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Freshwater lakes are heating up fast

CLIMATE

Lake Superior second-fastest warming lake in world: study

Our rapidly warming world has another high-profile victim — lakes.

An alarming new study says freshwater lakes are warming at more than twice the pace of oceans, and Lake Superior is the second-fastest warming lake in the world, behind Sweden's Lake Fracksjon.

The rest of the Great Lakes are also faring dismally, the study says, putting native fish in jeopardy, increasing the risk of invasive species and raising fears of widespread algae blooms.

The study, by a team of international scientists, analyzed data from hundreds of lakes around the world. It found that

summer surface temperatures rose by about 0.34 C on average between 1985 and 2009.

That may not sound like a lot, acknowledged Sapna Sharma, the lead author of the study and an assistant professor in the faculty of science at York University. But put that in context with air temperatures and ocean temperature increase and "you see there is a big difference," she said.

Average air temperatures over the same period have warmed about 0.24 C, while oceans have warmed about 0.11 C, she said.

The Great Lakes are also facing an increase in solar radiation, another factor for the rapid warming of freshwater lakes.

The study, published Wednesday in *Geophysical Research Letters*, examined data from 236 lakes. Some readings came from NASA satellites; others came from data collected on the ground. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



Waves crash during a November gale at Lake Superior's Government Beach in Ontario. A new study shows that lakes on average are warming faster than the climate as a whole.

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UNITED STATES

Mistrial in first Freddie Gray case

The first effort to find a police officer criminally responsible for Freddie Gray's death from a broken neck in a police van ended Wednesday with a hung jury and a mistrial in Baltimore, Md.

Six officers have been charged in Gray's death. William Porter has been accused of failing to get medical help for a wounded Gray and has been charged with assault, manslaughter, misconduct in office and reckless endangerment.

It was not immediately clear whether he will face a retrial.

Gray, 25, who had been suspected of possessing an illegal switchblade, was arrested while fleeing from officers and died April 19, a week after his neck was broken inside a police van. He had been left handcuffed, shackled and face-down on the van's floor. An autopsy concluded he probably couldn't brace himself whenever the van turned a corner or braked suddenly. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

IN BRIEF

Charlie Hebdo giving \$4M to attack victims

Charlie Hebdo, the satirical newspaper in Paris whose staff was decimated by Islamic extremist gunmen, is giving nearly \$4.4 million US to victims of the three days of attacks in January.

The French government is to appoint an oversight committee to determine how the money will be re-distributed.

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Rights group urges Minaj to cancel concert

A rights group is lobbying Nicki Minaj to cancel her Saturday concert in Luan-da, Angola, a country often criticized for corruption and human rights abuses.

The Human Rights Foundation had written to the rapper, urging her to cancel the show and instead support a local rapper who has been jailed along with other activists. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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INTEREST RATE

BoC won't match Federal Reserve hike, expert predicts

The U.S. Federal Reserve raised its interest rate Wednesday, exerting downward pressure on the loonie that has been steadily dropping in recent months as global oil prices plunged.

The American central bank lifted its key rate by a quarter-point to a range of 0.25 per cent to 0.5 per cent, ending a seven-year period of near-zero borrowing rates.

Scott Guitard, a portfolio manager at Fiduciary Trust Canada, said climbing American interest rates will likely mean the opposite for the Canadian dollar.

He also predicts Canada's central bank will stick with

+ ECONOMY

Faith restored

Wednesday's action reflects the U.S. Federal Reserve's belief that the American economy has finally regained enough strength 6 1/2 years after the Great Recession ended to withstand modestly higher borrowing rates.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

its decision to hold steady on its key lending rate even if the loonie falls further because of enduring low oil prices.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, speaking ahead of the announcement, said it was a good sign the American economy was seeing a resurgence, but promised to examine the challenges that a lower dollar poses for the Canadian economy.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



COMPUTER LITERACY PUSH TO CREATE TECHIE TYKES IN THE U.S.

Third-grader Jaysean Erby solves a coding problem as Apple CEO Tim Cook watches from behind during a coding workshop at an Apple Store in New York last week. There's a push across the U.S. to improve computer literacy in elementary school, and entrepreneurs are jumping aboard. New coding toys for kids as young as 6 include Wonder Workshop which started shipping Dash and Dot, a pair of small, programmable blue-and-orange robots, late last year, and Ozobot, a tiny programmable robot that kids can play with together. But not everyone is excited about pushing first-graders to learn the nuts and bolts of how computers work. Some critics believe that too much technology too early can interfere with a child's natural development; others warn that pushing advanced concepts on younger kids could frustrate them and turn them off computer science. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Shaw buying Wind Mobile

Shaw Communications has reached an agreement to buy Wind Mobile in a transaction valued at \$1.6 billion. The Calgary-based telecommunications company says it will acquire a full interest in parent company Mid-Bowline Group, which owns Wind. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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FINANCIAL FUTURE

Parents put off retirement to help kids

Half of Canadian parents say they would postpone retirement because of concerns about the financial future of their children.

Parents with children aged 18 to 24 said they were willing to trade some of their own financial security to help out their kids in a changing economy, BMO Wealth Management said in a report.

Half said they would be willing to retire later than planned,

one-third said they would save less for retirement, and 22 per cent said they would take on debt.

Roughly the same proportion who said they would retire later than planned said they received little or no support from their parents

when they were young adults themselves.

22%

The percentage of parents who said they would take on debt to help their kids in a changing economy.

The biggest financial concern for parents about their children was financial problems caused by debt, followed by difficulties achieving financial independence and insufficient employment.

The so-called millennial generation of those born after 1980 faces different economic realities than

their parents, especially after the 2008 financial crisis.

The number of contract workers has grown more than four times faster than the number of full-time employees since 2008, according to Statistics Canada. The number of Canadians aged 25 to 44 in full-time employment is up 1.2 per cent since 2008, compared with a 24.9 per cent rise in contract work.

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CHANTAL HÉBERT: ON THE SENATE SCANDAL (IT'S STILL ON)



“Gone are the days when the re-election of a government, the reputation of a sitting prime minister or the ascent of an Opposition leader could hang in the balance of the Duffy trial.”

It is not totally true to say that the legal travails of Stephen Harper's former star senator are no longer of any real consequence to anyone but himself. A dozen of Mike Duffy's past and present Senate colleagues have cause to wait for the trial verdict with baited breath.

They are on the list of current or ex-senators whose expense claims were brought to the attention of the RCMP over the past two years. Take Pamela Wallin, who is back in the upper house since the election. There has not been a word on where she stands since the RCMP reportedly transferred her file to the Crown prosecutors last summer.

The odds that the other senators engulfed in the scandal will be charged and/or taken to trial stand to decrease if Duffy is found not guilty of all or most of the 31 criminal charges laid against him.

That being said, gone are the days when the re-election of a government, the reputation of a sitting prime minister or the ascent of a prosecutorial Opposition leader could be presumed to hang in the balance of the Duffy trial.

At this time last year, Harper and Thomas Mulcair were the leading co-stars in a high-stakes political drama that was deemed to have the potential to reshape the electoral landscape.

Harper is headed for political retirement, but not mostly for what the Duffy trial has brought to light.

Twelve months later, there has yet to be a definitive resolution to the Senate spending saga but the storyline has fizzled out; the audience has lost interest; the spotlight has shifted and the curtain has fallen in whole or in part on its main protagonists.

That is as good a measure of what a difference a year in politics can make.

At this time last year, Harper looked well placed to make electoral history by winning a fourth consecutive mandate. The rise to pre-eminence of the security issue in the wake of the Parliament Hill shootings had given his party a second wind. For the first time since the Senate scandal, the Conservatives were seeing positive omens in public

opinion.

That gave rise to trepidation about the upcoming Duffy trial and even talk of an early election to minimize the risks.

These days, most Harper-related speculation is of an idle variety. It revolves around the timing of his definitive departure from the House of Commons. Most expect it will come sooner rather than later. Some wonder why it has not happened yet.

For the record, there is nothing exceptional about the fact that Harper is still an MP. It may be one of the more normal features of his exit from politics. Paul Martin was defeated in January 2006 but resigned his seat only in March.

As for Mulcair, 12 long

months ago he was basking in the glowing reviews of his performance as chief-questioner of the government in the Commons.

The NDP leader was never more on a roll than over the time of the Senate scandal. It was in its wake that he came to have a larger-than-life presence in question period. He will probably go down in modern Canadian history as the official Opposition leader who will have asked the most questions of a government over the course of a single session.

A year later, Mulcair's parliamentary persona feels too big for the support role of leader of the third party in the House. In the new House of Commons, he looks like a square peg in a round hole. At least for the time being, his famous prosecutorial skills are wasted on a Liberal prime minister that too many New Democrats for comfort like better than they do their own leader.

At year's end, Harper is headed for political retirement but not mostly for what the Duffy trial has brought to light. The betting is that Mulcair — whose oratory feats on the Senate turned out to be wasted on the country's voters — will not be far behind.

As for Duffy, except among a handful of allegedly profligate senators, his ultimate fate is a matter of relative indifference.

The Senate saga was the biggest political drama of the last federal decade but it earned none of its main actors a curtain call.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD metroview

A lengthy disruption over Katie the dog gives me hope

Toronto ground to a halt for two hours yesterday over the life-and-death drama of Katie, the German shepherd.

The north-south subway line was out of service while transit workers rescued the dog from the track rails, where she mysteriously got caught.

Media live-tweeted updates from the scene (“Did she make it?” my colleagues kept asking as they checked Twitter) and a few posted photos of Katie on a stretcher, wrapped in a bloodied blanket. For some, it was just too much.

“@680NEWS DELETE THIS INSENSITIVE PICTURE Would you post a picture of a person trapped on tracks? #topoli #Katie” tweeted @Hohummm.

“RIP” wrote another, after news broke Katie had been put down. “Very sad incident on the TTC tracks today,” the mayor tweeted.

What kind people live in this city, I thought, as a dog swallowed our short attention spans and #katie started trending across Toronto. For others, that was all too much, too.

“Shuttle buses, thousands of people having their afternoon commute ruined, for a dog,” an acquaintance texted. “Would the line have been shut for a raccoon? A squirrel? A rat?”

“What an incredible waste,” he went on. “I hope the irresponsible dog owner gets the bill.”

This is, to quote my acquaintance, an “incredible

example of something,” or perhaps two things: our capacity to care, and our capacity to care on a scale.

A few years ago, researchers tested people's sympathy for humans (adult and baby) and dogs (adult and puppy).

“The ‘winner’ was not the puppy but the human infant. The puppy, however, came in a close second with the adult dog not far behind,” Wired magazine reported, while noting that another study found people are more willing to save their personal pet than a “foreign tourist.”

This could be considered depressing, but I don't think so. First, everyone hates tourists. More importantly, a lengthy disruption over a dog gives me cause for hope.

It shows that people do care about other beings, despite the common assumption we're living in the most selfish, dehumanizing society created.

Normally, shutdowns turn trains and subway stations into sweltering hellholes. This time, they were hellholes with a heart.

And I have faith the empathy hierarchy can be manipulated.

I'm sure we'll one day learn about the superior intellect of the raccoon (perhaps even the rat) and start adopting them as pets, thus improving the likelihood we'd stall a subway to save one. Tourists, though — they're screwed.

THE MICROTREND: Battle roy-owl



The forest isn't big enough for both of them. A turf war has broken out in the Pacific Northwest, and the instigator is the barred owl. Habitat degradation in the Prairies has been driving the hearty invasive species west into the stomping grounds of the northern spotted owl. And the barred owl is having a hoot out-eating and out-breeding everything in its path. Everywhere it goes, the spotted owl is declining fast: By up to 77 per cent in Washington and 68 per cent in Oregon since 1985, says a new U.S. study. Hardly a handful are left in B.C. As if it wasn't tough enough out there for a spotted owl: Development has destroyed the old-growth trees where it likes to nest and pushed it away from its favourite prey — a major problem for these polka-dotted picky eaters. The areas where spotted owl populations are sliding slowest have gotten human help with removing the nasty new neighbours. SOURCE: THE WASHINGTON POST

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Also on our Over it! list: Enough with the spoiler alerts and trigger warnings. Manage yourself, already.

Over it! 2015 edition

Spoiler alert: This is an unscientific look at some popular terms and favourite things of the year that we need to leave behind come 2016 because, frankly, they give us a headache. For your consideration and in no particular order, here they are: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

1 Adult colouring books

Yes, millions sold! Yes, mindfulness! Yes, beautiful flowers and geometric patterns and all manner of animal life and wonder! We now have enough things for grown-ups to colour to keep us stress-free clear through to Armageddon.



3 Diffuser bottles

You know those often brightly coloured plastic bottles with the filter thing in the centre where you put your cut fruit and whatever else you can think of to flavour your water? Just hydrate.



4 Man buns

They're everywhere, except maybe the majority of male heads in real life. A clip-in version is a scary little pouf.

2 Tiny houses

According to Thetinylife.com, the typical U.S. home is about 2,600 square feet. The typical tiny house is 100- to 400-square feet. Some of us have been there. It's not a pretty thing. Find some other social movement.



5 Cauliflower

Wayyyy back in 2013, the question was posed: is cauliflower the new kale? It's 2015, people who have just discovered baked and roasted cauliflower, mashed cauliflower, cauliflower pasta sauce, cauliflower pizza crust and fancy things to do with what is a fine thing now delicately plated in fine restaurants.

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LOST CIVILIZATION

Author Graham Hancock is back with alt history sequel

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For Metro Canada



Twenty years ago, when Graham Hancock's book *Fingerprints of the Gods* was first published, it caused quite the stir among archaeologists, historians and conspiracy theorists. After years of research, the U.K. journalist hypothesized that 12,800 years ago, a massive, cataclysmic comet had hit the Earth, essentially wiping out a highly advanced ancient civilization. The remaining survivors then canvassed the world, landing in such places as Egypt, Turkey and Peru, in hopes of spreading their wisdom. Some of those sages or magicians as they were known, were responsible for constructing such wonders as the Sphinx, which Hancock's book suggests actually predated the ancient Egyptians.

Although Hancock's theories of a lost civilization were dismissed by experts (he's been referred to as both a pseudoscientist and a "Pyramidiot"), readers didn't care — and neither did he. The book sold more than 7 million copies worldwide, and turned Hancock into an icon of the "alternative history" movement. He has now returned with more evidence to back up his first book with its sequel, *Magicians of the Gods*.

Hancock still has his fair share of naysayers, but it's a new generation of younger fans who showed up at his recent sold-out 22-stop tour across the U.S. and Canada. His message is appealing to younger, social-media-savvy readers, many of who are cynical about old-school power structures in the aftermath of whistleblowers such as Julian Assange and Edward Snowden.

"There is a deep distrust of authority now. It's grounded; it's not a conspiracy theory. We know that we've been lied to quite often, for example, about the Iraq War. I think those lies have devalued the currency of authority," says Hancock, who describes *Magicians of the Gods* as a fundamentally rebellious book. "It's not enough for an archaeologist to say any-

more, 'Look, I know this is how things are.' It turns people off now. They'd rather see people engage with the ideas."

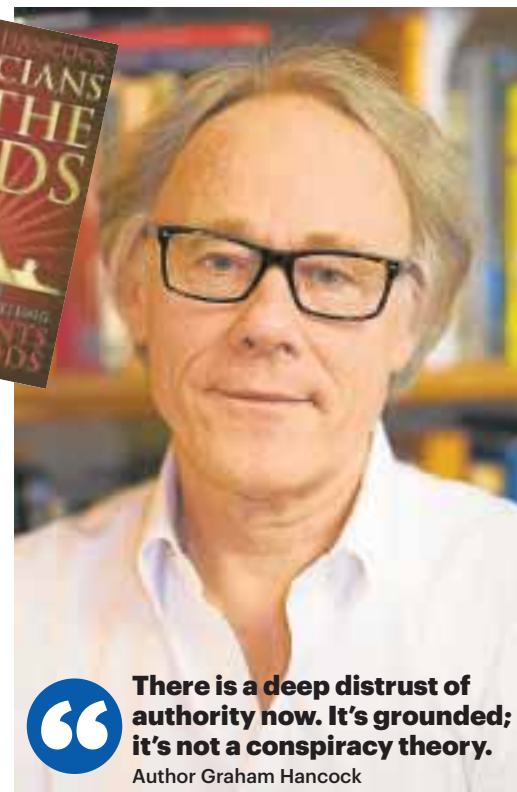
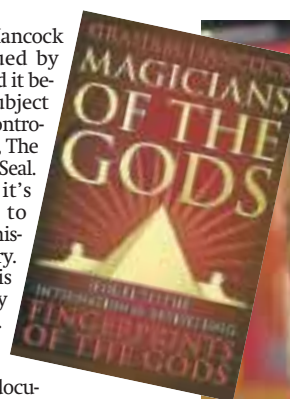
As Hancock was writing his first book, he says he couldn't "point out that smoking gun," but that within the last eight years, mainstream science journals have presented more evidence that prove his theory about the massive extinction. Perhaps the most challenging or troublesome idea in *Magicians of the Gods* is the suggestion that a 20-mile-wide fragment of the original comet is potentially going to hit Earth in 2030 — an event referred to in various cultures as the "Great Return." When asked how we should prepare for such an occasion, Hancock says that as a journalist, it's his role to report the evidence as he uncovers it, not suggest a course of action.

Hancock's background as a reporter is how he was introduced to alternative history in the first place. During the 1970s and '80s, he covered East Africa for the *London Times* and *The Economist*. While in Ethiopia he became intrigued with a story about how the lost covenant of the ark has been hidden in the country for centuries. Although experts debunked

the claim, Hancock was intrigued by the story and it became the subject of his first controversial book, *The Sign and the Seal*.

"I think it's important to realize that history is a story. And that it is often a story told by men. The further back you go, the less documents there are to draw your historical narratives from. The more it becomes a matter of speculation, and putting bits and pieces together," he says. "It's really a suggestion, an interpretation, a construing of data. I don't think it's healthy for this very important data about our past, who we are, and what we're doing here to be entrusted solely in the hands of a very small group of scholars. Twenty years ago it was enough for professor X or Y to say this is impossible, it can't be true. But that doesn't work today."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



There is a deep distrust of authority now. It's grounded; it's not a conspiracy theory.

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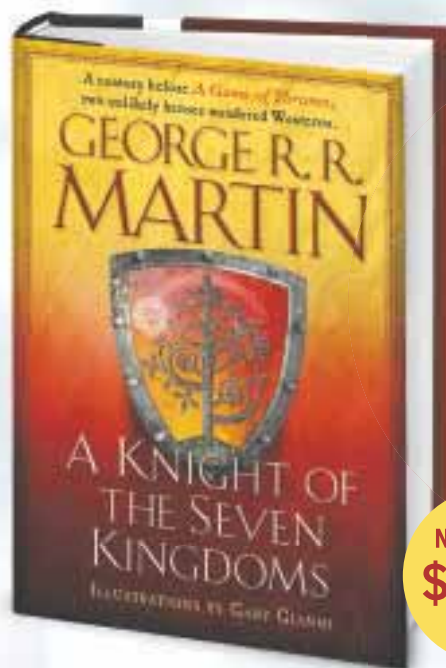


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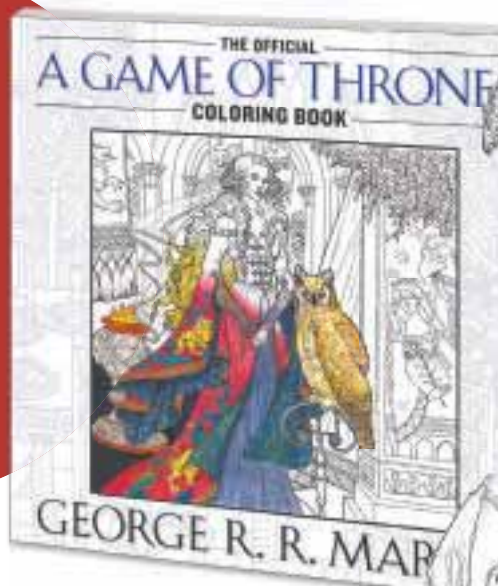
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Big Bang's big lead up



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MIDSEASON FINALE

The Opening Night Excitation

For nine seasons, the sexuality of Sheldon Cooper (Jim Parsons) on The Big Bang Theory has been a rich source of speculation. Essays devoted to his asexuality, sexual orientation and overall social survival skills have graced publications big and small, sending viewers into a frenzy when the character finally settled into a relationship with Amy Farrah Fowler (Mayim Bialik). Still, the couple could barely hold hands in public, let alone make out or get physical between the sheets. Until now, that is. On Thursday's midseason finale (8 p.m. on CTV and CBS), The Opening Night Excitation, Sheldon decides to skip the opening night of Star Wars to spend Amy's birthday with her now that they're back together. His gift? Finally giving in to coitus. "Believe it or not they have been dating on and off for five-and-a-half years now, and that was enough time for Amy to wait," showrunner Steven Molaro told Torstar News Service. "It just seemed like the perfect culmination of their breakup story arc, especially with the upcoming release of Star Wars." Molaro was able to lend an insider's perspective to some of the biggest Sheldon and Amy moments on The Big Bang Theory, and what they mean now that the couple has officially "hooked up."

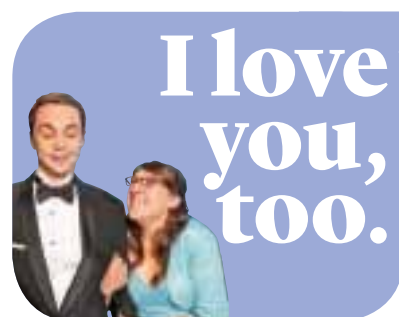
With Sheldon and Amy about to have sex on the long-running sitcom, here's a look back at key moments in their relationship. Beware: spoilers ahead. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**



SEASON 7, EPISODE 15,

The first (real) kiss

Sheldon may have first kissed Amy to prove a point, but 11 seconds later it became clear that he liked it a lot more than he thought he would. Turns out even a man who aspired to be as emotionless as Spock can get weak in the knees. "We love these characters and they're real to us," Molaro says. "I remember when we were writing that kiss on the train, we weren't fighting in the writers' room, but there was a tension and a heat to our debating how it should play out."



SEASON 8, EPISODE 8

The first "I love you"

Sheldon may have been freaked out by prom, but he had no qualms about how he felt toward Amy. When she couldn't spit out the words "I love you," he went first with a sweet little, "I love you, too." "There was definitely some heated discussion about how exactly it should go down, but when we landed on the thought that Amy was struggling to get the words out, and that their first I love you was actually an I love you too, that seemed really interesting and appealing to us," Molaro says.



SEASON 4, EPISODE 20

The sex rumour

In this episode Amy and Sheldon decided to put a gossip theory to the test: by spreading a rumour that they had sex. "When Penny (Kaley Cuoco) tells Koothrappali (Kunal Nayyar) that Sheldon and Amy were going to be intimate, Koothrappali said, 'Shut your ass.' ... We were talking about how funny that was to us, and if there was a version of that that we could capture for when Penny and Bernadette (Melissa Rauch) tell Amy what they know about Sheldon's birthday present."

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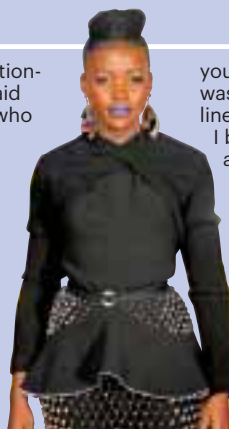
Lupita Nyong'o's clueless Star Wars audition

Hollywood can keep you busy, especially after you've won an Oscar for your film debut.

That might explain why Lupita Nyong'o didn't quite connect the dots when she had a meeting with J.J. Abrams a couple of years ago.

"I didn't really know what

I was auditioning for," said Nyong'o, who plays the alien Maz Kanata in *The Force Awakens*, the latest *Star Wars* film. "I guess I thought I should find work,



you know? I was so busy, I was working with adrenaline, so I went in and out. I barely remember that audition, and then two months later (Abrams) called me."

So what did this mystery audition entail, exactly?

"I remember crouching around and using my hands as a gun." Sounds... fun?

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Lamar Odom is 'not doing great'

Not to bum you out too much so close to the holidays, but here's an update on convalescing brothel-patronizing Lamar Odom.

"He's not doing great," a source tells Entertainment Tonight. "His speech is still slurred and he can barely walk on his own yet. He forgets a lot of people's names — sometimes even his own. He definitely has some

memory loss."

Those close to the former NBA star are still hoping for him to be "mentally fully recovered" in a year and a half's time, but the progress is frustratingly slow. Khloe Kardashian, for her part, posted a video to her

website recently expressing her hopes for the future.

"Lord knows I've had stress and anxiety lately," she said. "This year has been absolutely horrible, but it's almost done. I'm just praying that 2016 will be better. It has to be."

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THE VOICE

Road getting rocky for Blake and Gwen

I'm sure it's just a total, complete coincidence that just after the latest season of *The Voice* ends, we get our first report of trouble in the romance between co-coaches Gwen Stefani and Blake Shelton.

Not suspicious at all, this.

So the duo, both recently divorced and involved in a "romance" that's been played up for the cameras during the most recent season of *The Voice*, are said to be hitting a rough patch after a backstage incident in which Shelton left his phone behind in the makeup room and Stefani witnessed a text message come in from his ex-wife, Miranda Lambert, according to *In Touch*.

"Gwen saw it and lost it. She found Blake and asked to speak to him privately, but he said he couldn't right then and there. She had

tears running down her face and went and locked herself in her dressing room," a source says.

"Gwen has seen texts between Blake and Miranda. She's really a mess over this."

Is she, though?

Or is this all part of the predetermined plan? When did I become so cynical?

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The Weeknd in hot water with Bella Hadid

PARTY SCENE

The Canadian was reportedly spotted getting cozy with fans

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When will people learn that parties are not the best places to misbehave? You know, because other people can see you?

Singer The Weeknd apparently didn't realize this when he decided to get with a pair of eager young fans at a private party celebrating the release of his new album — a party from which 19-year-old model girlfriend (as in she's a model and his girlfriend, not a model girlfriend) Bella Hadid was conspicuously absent.

"He went to an after-party at a private house in L.A.," a source tells *Life & Style*, where he hit it off with a blonde and



The Weeknd's girlfriend, model Bella Hadid, was not present at a steamy L.A. party. GETTY IMAGES

a brunette.

"He was making out with both of them, going back and forth. Then they disappeared

into a bedroom together."

But it's totally cool, I'm sure he just wanted to explain to them in private how much he

loves his girlfriend.

Now, maybe I'm a little out of touch, but what's a Weeknd?

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SEASONAL DECOR

Ideas and items to add effervescence to your home

Even if you practise restraint in your everyday home decor, you might be inclined toward a bit of sizzle and sparkle when the holidays roll around.

The season is a great excuse to let your festive flag fly, so to speak, and few things say “festive” like decor that’s got some glitz, glitter or gilding. Below are some resources to get things shimmering (Note: The stores with no Canadian locations do ship to Canada):

Spray it

“My go-to holiday look each season? Winter wonderland meets glamour,” says New York designer Genevieve Gorder.

She uses metallic and glittery spray paint to add personalized flair. If you’re on a budget or are fairly crafty, this is a good option. Jazz up stuff you already have like terra cotta pots, tea light holders, candlesticks, picture frames and serving trays. Valspar has a line of paints that stick to most materials, and come in both opaque and translucent finishes. (valspar.com)

Glitter 101

If you gather bare branches on a walk or buy some from a garden centre, find instructions for glittering them up at momtastic.com. After painting them, spray with adhesive, and then dip them in both glitter and clear crystalline sprinkles. The sprinkles add an icy extra touch.

If you’re tight on work space (glittering is a messy business), consider glitter in a tube. Jo-Ann craft stores have Stickles, glitter glue that comes in a bunch of colours and is easy to dab or swab. (joann.com)

Around the home

Making a tabletop holiday village is easy and inexpensive. Got some plastic toy animals lying around? Give them a coat of metallic paint. A stack of newspapers or old magazines? Transform them with a few folds into trees, and spray them with glitter paint.

You can build a few houses out of chipboard, paint and powdered glitter, and create your tableau; it’s a fun project to do with kids or friends. Martha Stewart has instructions at marthastewart.com.

Non-traditional

For those looking to decorate outside the traditional red/green or blue/white realm, Target has a collection of glittery faux bottlebrush trees in colours like copper, orchid, turquoise, purple and mocha. Seasonal greetings stencilled in metallic sequins bring sparkle to the sofa on throw pillows. (target.com)

Dress the base of the Christmas tree with an organza skirt dusted with glitter from Kohl’s. Or Zazzle has a snazzy one in shimmery lemon yellow. (kohls.com; zazzle.ca)

At the table

You can set the holiday table with subtle shine using Sandy Chilewich’s brass or silver Drift placemats, which have an angular, geometric design inspired by woodblock prints. Add a few slim white, copper or silver glass trees from CB2 for a tablescape that’s minimalist yet merry. (chilewich.com; cb2.com)

Outdoors

Bring the bling outdoors, too, with large-scale decorations. Wayfair has a set of sparkly, lighted gift boxes. Frontgate’s gold, silver or red ornaments come with fibre-optic and LED lights. (wayfair.com; frontgate.com)

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Embellish items you may have around the house, like trays and votive holders and picture frames, with glitter and metallic spray paint. VALSPAR VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Cold and critters

Z Gallerie offers boxes of gold or silver acrylic “ice gems” that look like ice cubes. In a clear vase, they’d be a great base for white painted branches or greenery. Or scatter them along a faux fur runner with some tiny twinkle lights. The retailer also has a series of silver-plated ceramic penguins, and sexy starburst ornaments with a retro vibe. (zgallerie.com)

Round and jolly

Paper poinsettia balls from Joss and Main in a dramatic midnight hue and edged in golden glitter bring baroque élan to the mantel. Filigree-wrapped balls and mini tiara ornaments add royal style. (jossandmain.com)

Ball ornaments banded in glittering filigree are a chic and elegant addition to the tree. Far left: A Baroque paper poinsettia ball ornament in a midnight hue, trimmed with gold glitter, adds drama.

JOSS AND MAIN VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Silver-plated ceramic penguins add a dash of chic swagger to holiday decor. Z GALLERIE VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The Jets are no strangers to the penalty box — they lead the league in times shorthanded. MARK ZALESKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jets keep running afoul

VIEW FROM THE 300S
Andrew 'Hustler' Paterson

With the NHL's Christmas break coming up next week, it's not hard to figure out whether the Winnipeg Jets are on the naughty or nice list. Sitting last in the Central division at 30 points with a 14-15-3 record, the recent on-ice results for the Jets have been anything but nice.

The naughty tendencies of the Jets have been killing them this season. On Tuesday night, for the second-consecutive game against a divisional opponent, the Jets gave up two power-play goals

after leading by two goals and lost an important game in regulation.

It's one thing to be a physical team that plays on the edge. It's another thing to be a team that consistently shoots itself in the foot by providing needless opportunity for opponents on the man advantage.

For the second year the Jets are taking way too many penalties, leading the NHL in times shorthanded. Combine that with a penalty-killing unit that has taken a huge step back this season and sits near the bottom of the NHL in efficiency at 77 per cent (25th), and you have the recipe for a lottery pick in June.

404
As of Wednesday afternoon, the Jets had a total of 404 penalty minutes, second only to the Blue Jackets' 423.

When Paul Maurice took over for Claude Noel as head coach, he changed the way the team played. They were grittier, more competitive and much tougher to play against. Through these changes penalties increased, but a more-efficient penalty kill managed to ease the damage. The declining PK efficiency

this year has erased any possibility of being able to get by being at the top of the league in minor penalties taken and shorthanded opportunities given up.

Maybe this really just comes down to overall special teams. Not only has the penalty kill struggled this season, but the power play has stunk too. The Jets with the man advantage are clicking at 15 per cent, right near the bottom of the league at 28th out of 30 teams. The team is net -12 goals on special teams this year and is net -10 goals overall. If this team could be closer to even on special teams we would be having a very different conversation.

versation.

Scoring is as difficult as ever in the new NHL. Goals are at a premium and games have never been closer in NHL history as they are right now, which compounds the issues of a team getting roasted on both sides of the special teams battle.

Paul Maurice and his coaching staff have a big problem on their hands and not a lot of time to get it straight before this season is lost. Without improved team discipline and special teams play right away, we will be focused on the NHL trade deadline and draft far sooner than any Jets fan could have expected at the end of October.

AHL Moose quell Rampage

The Manitoba Moose found lucky No. 7 Wednesday night, capturing their seventh win of the season with a 5-1 victory over the San Antonio Rampage in front of 4,890 at MTS Centre.

Patrice Cormier tallied his first multi-point game of the season, notching the 3-1 insurance marker and assisting on Matt Halischuk's game-winner, while Moose netminder Eric Comrie stopped 35 shots for his fifth win on the year.

Halischuk's winner came early in the second period, quickly potting a deflected John Albert pass for the former Jet's third goal of the season.

At MTS Centre

5 MOOSE **1** RAMPAGE

Forward Adam Lowry, sent down to the Moose by the Winnipeg Jets earlier in the day, recorded an assist while logging second-line ice time and centring Joel Armia and Scott Kosmachuk.

Winnipeg native Calvin Pickard stopped 18 of the 23 shots he faced between the Rampage pipes.

The Moose (7-14-1-2) complete their two-gamer with the Rampage (11-9-6-0) on Thursday night at MTS Centre and finish their pre-holiday break schedule with a quick stop in Milwaukee on Saturday. DARRIN BAUMING/FOR METRO

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CFL

Orridge to limit coaching chaos

The CFL placed a moratorium on the movement of coaches between teams on Wednesday after reports that Montreal Alouettes defensive co-ordinator Noel Thorpe agreed to join the Edmonton Eskimos.

First-year commissioner Jeffrey Orridge sent a memo to CFL team presidents and general managers saying any movement of a coach already under contract will need the league's approval.

"Effective immediately, there will be a moratorium on any coaches' movement from one club to another club, unless such transaction is expressly approved in writing by the commissioner or his delegate, prior to the movement taking place. This only applies to coaches who are currently under contract with a CFL club," the memo read.

The move came with the league in apparent chaos after a flurry of movement, accusations of tampering and demands for compensation as coaches bolted one club for another.

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Goalies' loss a net gain

NHL

Talks of standardizing equipment to boost scoring

Like many of his counterparts, New Jersey Devils goalie Cory Schneider had an easy choice when presented with the option of larger nets or smaller equipment in the NHL's latest bid to boost goal-scoring.

Don't mess with the nets.

"Absolutely. I think we have to explore every avenue we can to maybe change the gear before we change the nets," Schneider said. "It would be like changing the size of the pucks."

Reducing the rubber isn't going to happen, but it appears the era of Michelin Man-like goalies — outfitted with bulging chest and shoulder pads, and wearing pants 14 sizes too big — might be drawing to a close.

The NHL and the NHL Players Association are in discussions to standardize goalie gear based on a player's size. The proposed rules would regulate pants, all upper-body pads and

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There is also a proposal to eliminate the trapezoid in each corner, where goalies are not allowed to handle the puck. This would in theory reward goalies with puck-handling ability, while creating the possibility for more turnovers for goalies who struggle in that area.

potentially introduce a more form-fitting jersey.

Goalies would have their equipment approved by the NHL, rather than dealing directly with manufacturers as they do now.

This would be the next step in a process that began in 2013-14, when the league started regulating the length of goalie leg pads.



Cory Schneider GETTY IMAGES

The objectives are to increase scoring, place more emphasis on a goalie's skill and establish a more even playing field.

"I think that's the biggest insecurity of goaltending: 'What's he doing that I'm not doing?' or, 'Why does he look so big and I look so small?'" said Schneider, who has played a role in the discussions. "I think it's natural that the gear should fit your body, and not you should fit the gear."

Talks will

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It would be like changing the size of the pucks.

Cory Schneider, who would rather see the size of goalie gear reduced than an increase in the size of nets.

continue at the all-star game in Nashville next month. The new rules would have to be in place by spring to allow time for the NHL to measure goalies and suppliers to manufacture the equipment before next season.

Pekka Rinne is fine with whatever is decided.

"It's always something," the Predators goalie said. "I'm sure something's going to happen to the gear. But still, it doesn't matter. Goalies are going to be good, no matter what."

He does have a unique idea on increasing scoring.

"Make a rule that guys can't work out during the summer," Rinne said, breaking into a grin. "Just take it easy and not do anything." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MLB

7-player swap sends Frazier to White Sox

The Chicago White Sox were looking to add some pop while solidifying third base, and they are counting on Todd Frazier to provide it.

The all-star third baseman was acquired from the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday as part of a three-team, seven-player trade that also included the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Los Angeles received second baseman Micah Johnson, right-hander Frankie Montas and outfielder Trayce Thompson from the White Sox, and Cincinnati got infielders Brandon Dixon and Jose Peraza and outfielder Scott Schebler from the Dodgers.

The 29-year-old Frazier, who



Todd Frazier
GETTY IMAGES

won last summer's all-star Home Run Derby in Cincinnati, was an NL All-Star in each of the last two seasons and hit .255 this year with 43 doubles, 35 homers and

89 RBIs.

"I'm pretty excited," he said. "I've got to be truthful with you. I know it's the American League. I know it's gonna be a little different. It might take a little time to get acclimated. But I just saw the lineup on TV. It kinda put a smile on my face to see the guys we've got." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BASEBALL IN BRIEF

\$7M will bring Napoli to Ohio, source says

A person familiar with the deal says the Cleveland Indians have an agreement with free agent first baseman Mike Napoli on a \$7 million, one-year contract.

The person spoke anonymously because Napoli must pass a physical.

Catcher Molina's thumb on mend after surgery No. 2

St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina has undergone a second operation on his injured left thumb and will be in a cast for up to five weeks.

The team is hopeful the even-time All-Star can return by opening day.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE French Onion Soup



PHOTO: MAMA VISENTE

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

You won't believe you made your favourite pub food and, better yet, you decide how high to croutons get piled.

Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 30 minutes

Serves 4

Ingredients

- 2 onions, thinly sliced
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- 2 Tbsp butter
- 2 tsp sugar
- 1 Tbsp fresh thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 Tbsp flour
- 1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 4 cups beef stock
- Half a stick of baguette
- 1 cup grated Gruyère and Parmesan mixed

Directions

1. In a Dutch oven, melt butter and toss onion slices, garlic, sugar, thyme and pinch of salt and pepper. Cook over medium low heat for 15 to 20 minutes, stirring frequently, until onions soften.

2. Sprinkle the flour over the onion mixture and stir. Add the vinegar and a cup of stock. Stir well, scraping the bottom of the pot to deglaze. Add the rest of the stock and simmer for 10 minutes.

3. Turn your oven onto broil. Cut bread into 1-inch thick slices. Cut as many slices as bowls of soup you'll be serving. Lay them on a cookie sheet and now put a layer of the cheese mix on each piece. Broil in the oven until cheese melts and bread is golden brown.

4. Remove bread from oven and cut into pieces. Ladle the soup into bowls and top with a slice of bread's worth of croutons.

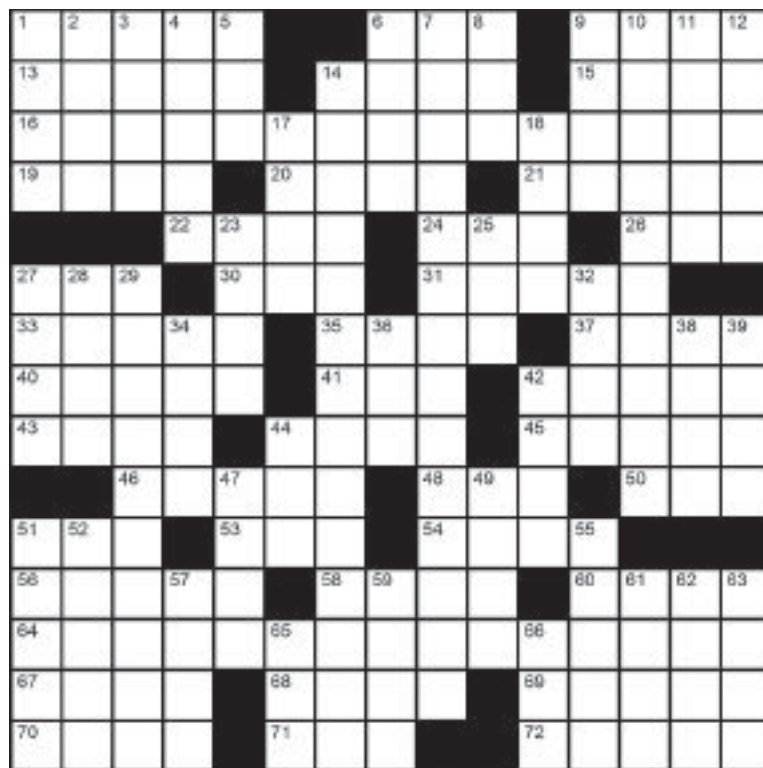
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- Thomas Augustine __: "Rule, Britannia" composer
- Louisbourg... Does this in the 18th century on Cape Breton Island: 3 wds.
- Buy and __, as stock
- Jam in
- Disconcerted
- Concrete chunk
- Use up
- Tiny tallnesses
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- Towel holders
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- Original space

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- Outdoes

DOWN

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- Their-not
- Wild West's Wyatt
- Its aroma draws customers into the bakery each day: 2 wds.
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- Breaks
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- Skim
- Ballet skirt
- Gloss-placing spots
- "Gotchal"
- Pretends
- England denizen, e.g.
- Soldier's disguise
- Kitten's whimper
- Recipe result
- 'Hect' ending
- Sprint
- Brood
- Accelerated
- Portland's state, briefly
- Ms. Collette
- Oscar-winning composer Nino
- Dapper
- Mr. Flynn
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- Ms. Carrere
- Sci. spot

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Aries March 21 - April 20
In your rush to get ahead of the game you may take on too much. You sometimes have the strength to do two or even three jobs at once but if you do too much now you may regret it later on. Slow down.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
If you stick your nose in other people's business you may regret it. Think how you would feel if others were to involve themselves in your private affairs without being invited.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Is family more important than work? That's the question you need to answer today. Eventually you'll find a stable balance between your home life and your more worldly ambitions.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Keep opinions to yourself. There's no point trying to persuade others to see things your way — they can't, it is beyond them. Go your own way. You don't need public support.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Keep your options open and listen to advice from people with expertise. You may not like to admit that others know best but in some areas they do and you should be big enough to acknowledge that fact.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You'll wish you were some place else today. But no matter how difficult the situation you have to face you'll conquer it before the day is over. You're tougher than you realize Virgo!

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
If your energy takes a nose-dive then stop what you're doing and take a break. Each hour you push yourself beyond your limits will take at least a day to recover. Be kind to yourself.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You can't seem to shake off the feeling that something bad is going to happen. Most likely it's all in your head but steer clear of situations you can't fully control. Just in case.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Material and professional success is not the most important thing in your life. What matters most now is that you take the opportunity to improve your domestic situation. Work can wait but loved ones cannot.

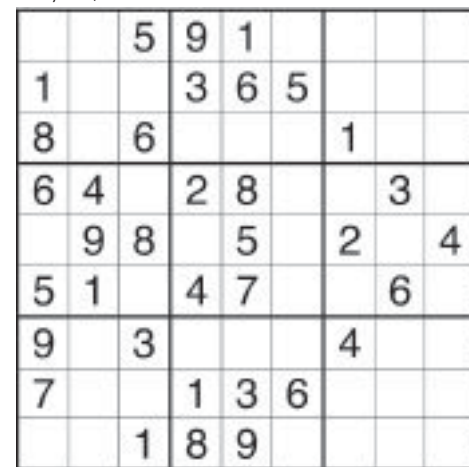
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may find it hard to get started today but once you do you'll amaze everyone by how quickly you get through your workload. Start early and the evening should be free for more enjoyable activities.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Resist the urge to point out other people's faults and failings. And don't cut corners or do anything underhand — or it could be your faults and failings that are made public.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
It's likely you will clash with someone in a position of authority. Stand your ground and refuse to be intimidated but also be ready to meet them halfway if they suggest a compromise.

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